

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 11-23 and 27-34 without prejudice to present these claims in a divisional or continuation application. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 24-26 and 35 are pending in this application. Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments, as support therefor is found throughout the specification. Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and early action to that effect is earnestly solicited. Applicant requests entry of the present Amendment.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorneys at the below-listed telephone number if any questions should arise regarding this Preliminary Amendment or otherwise regarding the present application.

No fee is believed to be required in association with this paper. If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3569 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. E. Grondahl", written over a horizontal line.

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